

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Zelenko. (1/17)

Representative Gosselin moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Bieda** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2006 meeting.

Representative Marleau supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Sheen laid **SB 1176** before the committee.

SB 1176 Stamas Income tax; credit; tax credit for stillborn birth; create.

Senator Tony Stamas, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Suzanne Allen, representing herself, testified before the committee in support of **SB 1176**.

Suanne Thompson, representing Right to Life of Michigan, testified before the committee in support of **SB 1176**.

Jamie Hope, representing herself, testified before the committee in support of **SB 1176**.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to report **SB 1176**, with recommendation. **Representative Meyer** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 5838** before the committee.

HB 5838 Garfield Income tax; deductions; early distribution from an IRA for medical expenses; provide for deduction.

Representative John Garfield, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 5838**.

Representative Meyer moved to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute to **HB 5838**. **Representative Stakoe** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Mayes. (15/17)

NAYS: Rep. Bennett. (1/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Stakoe moved to report **HB 5838** as an **(H-1)** substitute, with recommendation. **Representative Gosselin** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Miller, Meisner, Mayes. (13/17)

NAYS: Rep. Bennett. (1/17)

PASS: Reps. Bieda, Farrah. (2/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070